

Thursday 21 March 2024

Grand Opening of Dr Gray's Hospital Clinical Skills Centre (CSC) This new facility represents a significant milestone in our commitment to excellence in patient care and staff development in Moray. The Clinical Skills Centre is equipped with state-of-the-art resources designed to enhance training, education, and professional development for everyone working at Dr Gray's Hospital. Next Wednesday (27 March) there will be an opportunity for colleagues to visit the centre and see demonstrations of the equipment available. The CSC (former Ward 10) will be open from 1-4pm for you to visit on a drop-in basis, no need to book. See you there!

Success of pioneering AI study in Grampian We've previously shared information about our participation, along with the University of Aberdeen, in a trial of Mia, an artificial intelligence tool used to closely examine mammograms. The study involved more than 10,000 patients, with results suggesting it helped clinical teams detect 12% more cancers, while reducing workload by almost one third. This is being covered across the BBC today; thanks must go to the clinical team and our patient case study Barbara for their willingness to support filming. More information is available here: [NHS AI test spots tiny cancers missed by doctors - BBC News](#)

'Flu/COVID-19 vaccination for health & social care staff If you have not taken up the offer of 'flu or COVID-19 vaccination, time is running out. The winter 23/24 programme will **close** on 31 March; after that, health & social care staff will not be eligible until next winter's programme begins. Health & social care staff can drop into any vaccination centre in Grampian to discuss what they are eligible for and get immunised. Details of clinics and opening hours are available here: [Centres | Vax Grampian \(grampianvax.com\)](#)

A new approach to engagement Thank you to everyone who flagged an error in the link supplied yesterday, regarding a name for our new approach to engaging with people across Grampian. This is the correct link, open for responses until 5pm on Monday 25 March: [A new approach to listening to – and involving – the people of Grampian \(office.com\)](#)

March pay date If you get your pay monthly, salaries will be paid next Thursday (28 March). Remember, you can sign up to ePayslips here: [Pages - Self-Service \(scot.nhs.uk\)](#) giving you access to all your payroll information in one place. This can only be done via networked devices, for information.

Sewing Room closure and stocktake The Sewing Room will be closed to all staff, from 3pm on Tuesday 26 March for their annual stocktake. It will reopen on Tuesday 2 April at 7.30am. If you require fittings or have new uniform to collect, you must do so before 3pm next Tuesday. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Correction – MIU paper Yesterday we issued a FAQ regarding the closure of the MIUs in Aberdeenshire overnight following the IJB's budget meeting. The FAQ stated there was a MIU at Dr Gray's Hospital; this is incorrect, there is no standalone MIU at Dr Gray's. We apologise for the error and any confusion caused.

ICYMI - reporting vending machine issues If you spot a fault or other issue with a vending machine in any of our sites, please report these directly to Abercromby, the company responsible for the machines. The serial number of each device is clearly displayed, and anyone can call Abercomby, 24/7, on 0141 554 2563 (you'll need to leave a message out of hours). Alternatively, you can email info@abercrombyvending.com.

Aberdeen AI in Healthcare Collaborative (AAHC) The Aberdeen AI (Artificial Intelligence) in Healthcare Collaborative (AAHC) has been set up to bring together local people across NHS, academic, and industry settings who share an interest in the application of AI to healthcare. We hope to foster discussion of ideas, share working, and explore collaborative opportunities.

To mark the start of this venture we are planning an initial meeting where we will have a range of AI related presentations and discussion from local and national experts in the field. This will be an opportunity to learn more about the group, understand how you can potentially get involved, and appreciate how AI will likely help to shape the future of healthcare globally.

Individuals from any background or discipline, regardless of previous AI experience, are welcome! If you think you may be interested, [just complete this short form](#). We anticipate the first meeting will take place in June, but this is subject to securing a venue.

NHS Scotland sustainability action programme newsletter You may be interested to read the latest edition of this newsletter. It rounds up all the sustainability activity taking place in NHS Scotland, including the work of our own dietitians in increasing recycling. The [Spring Edition can be read via this link](#).

Ticket offer – Breakneck Comedy Club The Breakneck Comedy Club in Aberdeen are offering discounted tickets for this Saturday (23 March), featuring Stuart Mitchell, Peter Wood, Gareth Mutch, and Gita Blaze. [All you need to do is follow this link](#) and enter the code NHS007 in the 'Discount Code' section.

Tune of the day Paula Matheson (Clinic co-ordinator in Clinic A at ARI) makes today's request, dedicated to clinic receptionist Kathleen Campbell. Kathleen has a big birthday coming up (I never know whether to confirm the number or not!) and the team say [Belter by Gerry Cinnamon](#) sums her up (EP)

If you want to request a tune, follow up on items included in this brief, or suggest an item for sharing, drop us an email via gram.communications@nhs.scot